

THE PANAMA CANAL

RECENT EVENTS SEEM TO ASSURE ITS SPEEDY COMPLETION.

New Republic of Panama Gaining Stability—Brief History of the Isthmian Canal—Philippe Bunau-Varilla, Representative of the New Nation.

The new republic of Panama has progressed so rapidly since its separation from Colombia that there seems to be little doubt of the ability of the new state to maintain its independence and to eventually become by general recognition one of the family of nations of the world.

Proof of the stability of the government is seen in the personnel of the executive board which constituted the provisional government. They are all men of the strongest character, leaders in the isthmian commercial world and men who command the respect of the natives as well as the foreign residents of the isthmus.

Consul General H. A. Gudge, head of the American consular affairs on the isthmus, will do business with the new government, having had full in-



H. A. GUDGE, UNITED STATES CONSUL GENERAL TO PANAMA.

structions from the state department governing his dealings with the republic before leaving for his post. The fact that Rear Admiral John G. Walker, president of the isthmian canal commission, is also at the isthmus and that Mr. Philippe Bunau-Varilla, minister of the new republic, is at Washington probably indicates that the administration will lose little time in negotiating for and beginning the construction of the Panama canal.

Proposals to pierce the isthmus of Panama are almost as old as its discovery. Cortes had one route surveyed, and in 1550 a Spaniard named Antonio Galvao suggested what is practically the present route, but Bolivar's revolution stopped the work which Spain had already determined to begin. In 1843 France became interested in the project, but again nothing was accomplished.

In 1879 Ferdinand de Lesseps took up the problem and began work in 1881. The work dragged, however, and stopped in 1889, when \$200,000,000 had been expended with meager results. De Lesseps died four years later, and the canal project moved more slowly than ever until the United States took



PHILIPPE BUNAU-VARILLA.

it up, and now at last the joining of the two oceans by a waterway seems to be in sight.

Philippe Bunau-Varilla, the diplomatic agent at Washington of the republic of Panama, is a Frenchman by birth and was formerly engineer in chief of the Panama company. Among his important engineering works on the isthmus were the solving of the problem of the Culebra cut and the invention of a plan by which the digging of the canal could be simplified. His book on the subject, published in 1892, has been the basis of projects since contemplated.

Hazekiah A. Gudge, consul general at Panama, is a native of North Carolina and was appointed consul to Panama in 1897 by President McKinley. His good record in that post and his familiarity with the conditions prevailing at the isthmus caused his selection by President Roosevelt as the ranking consular officer in the new republic.

The United States navy is strongly represented at the isthmus. The naval forces on the Atlantic side are commanded by Rear Admiral Joseph R. Coghlan, who distinguished himself at Manila bay, and the fleet on the Pacific side is in charge of Rear Admiral Henry Glass, an officer of ability and wide experience. The supreme command, however, rests with Rear Admiral Glass, who is the senior officer.

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Before one year is well advanced extensive plans are made by leaders in all industries. To capture next year's trade. Before one season's fairly on. The store men who are wise lay in next season's stocks of goods. And wisely advertise.

The politicians, always shrewd. Long months before begin their preparations for the fight in which they hope to win. The statesmen to their duty true. In nation and in state. Devote much thought to future needs. And for them legislate.

In private life 'tis just the same. For those who there succeed like workers in the wider fields. Are keeping in the lead. In all affairs, it matters not where fond ambition clings. The man who's not ahead of date is far behind the times.

—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

The Morning After.



"Yes; those are my bare feet. I must have undressed and got to bed all right, but somehow this doesn't look to me like my room."

Little Willie Knew A Thing or Two

THE youngster had absorbed something of the new theory of training and education.

"At our school," he said, "the teachers never tell us not to do anything." "They don't," exclaimed the mother in surprise. She knew that he was attending a school that had attained wide celebrity because of its "new methods," but she had only a hazy idea of the methods. "Why not?" she asked.

"Because," the boy explained, "that is suggesting wrong to us. We're really good, you know, and when we do wrong it's because it's been suggested to us. I heard the teacher telling a lady about it. She said that to tell a child not to do a thing was to tempt him to do it; that everybody wanted to do what they were told not to do, and most of them never would think about it if nothing was said."

"There's some truth in that," remarked the mother.

"She said," the boy went on, "if a law was made for people not to walk in the street there'd be hundreds of people doing it the next day just because they were told not to, people who never thought of getting off the sidewalk before."

"I guess that's so," said the mother. "I never thought of it that way before."

"She said," the boy persisted, "that if she had anything in the house she didn't want a child to get she would simply say nothing about it."

"Perhaps she's right," admitted the mother as she picked up some packages and went to the pantry. There were raisins and figs and oranges in the packages, and it had been her intention to caution the boy not to touch them except when they were put on the table, but she refrained.

"That will only make him want them," she said. "I won't say a word." So when the coast was clear the boy entered the pantry and feasted to his heart's content. And there he was found.

"Willie," said his mother severely, "I shall have to punish you for that." "For what?" he asked innocently. "For eating all those raisins and figs."

"But you never told me not to," he urged. "How was I to know?"—Chicago Post.

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